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EXAMINER:

FOR: DIGITAL VIDEO RECORDING SYSTEM AND ITS RECORDING MEDIUM

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97

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SIR:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

- The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

RELATED CASES

- Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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CERTIFICATION

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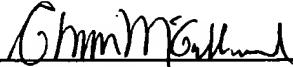
- Applicant(s) hereby request consideration of the attached information. A check is attached in the amount of the Petition fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(i)(1).

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- Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

Reference AO on Form PTO-1449:

The reference discloses the technique of recording data units, each containing a plurality of GOPs. However, the reference describes no embodiments in which a transport packet is recorded in two or more sectors as in the present invention. Nor does it describe information that represents the start/end position of an I picture.

Reference AP on Form PTO-1449:

This reference discloses the technique of packetizing video/audio data in units of playback time, each having a constant Q value. The technique differs from the present invention in which the packets have the same data size of, for example, 188 bytes. The reference describes nothing about a positional relation between packets and packs larger in size than the packets.